

Serial No: 10/728,447

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently amended) A process for assembly of a combination of a beverage container having a cap and a snack food product preconfigured to be mounted over said cap and dispensing said combination from a pre-existing vending machine having an internal product storage area configured with individually selectively releasable product storage rack compartments in communication with a consumer accessible area of said pre-existing vending machine, whereby said beverage container and mounted preconfigured snack food product combination is mounted within one of said individually selectively releasable product storage rack compartments thereby occupying the same space within one of said individually selectively releasable product storage rack compartment as a single product container alone and poised to be dispensed from said internal product storage area of said pre-existing vending machine, the process comprising the steps of:

transporting filled and capped beverage containers and preconfigured snack food products to ~~the site of~~ said pre-existing vending machine for the purpose of performing ~~the maintenance function~~ of said pre-existing vending machine; and,

performing ~~ance of~~ said maintenance ~~function~~ including the replenishment of said pre-existing vending machine internal product storage area configured with individually selectively releasable product storage rack compartments with said combination of beverage container and preconfigured snack food product assembled as a unit;

replenishment comprising the steps of;